



CRIGGLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT THE VILLAGE INSTITUTE & HALL GREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE

THE VILLAGE WILL REMEMBER

Local historian Keith Wainwright and the Parish Council invite you to come and Remember

29th July 2016 will mark the sombre 75th anniversary of the Criggleshstone Colliery explosion, a disaster which cost the lives of 22 miners and which in its aftermath left 18 widows and 36 children fatherless. As a mark of respect and remembrance to the men who died, and to all others who have lost their lives over the years in the local colliery, the Parish Council are planning to hold a **'Criggleshstone Colliery Weekend' Village Institute, High Street, Criggleshstone, WF4 3EB from the 29th to the 31st July.**

During the weekend, an exhibition of photographs of the colliery, its employees and other colliery memorabilia will be on show. Further details will appear in the Summer Newsletter.

Free light refreshments will be available

SPRING FAIR Saturday 12th March 10am -2pm, at Criggleshstone Village Institute, 36 High St. With craft, cake and tombola stalls in aid of Friends of Betty Eastwood Park. Come along for a cuppa & support your local green space.

NEW! Award winning **Baby Sensory Classes** are to be held weekly at the Village Institute, from June onwards. For more information on the arrival of this exciting programme in Wakefield please see **www.babysensory.co.uk** or contact **wakefield@babysensory.co.uk**

'WHAT'S ON' AT THE HALL GREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE WF4 3JU

SATURDAY 2ND APRIL AT 1PM JUMBLE SALE

Any donations of saleable clothes, books, toys, bric a brac and household items will be gratefully received. For more details or to arrange a collection

please contact: Cynthia Binns on
binnscynthia@yahoo.co.uk or 01924 251544

FRIDAY 22ND APRIL AT 7PM

Come along and join in with our
'RIGHT ROYAL QUIZ' NIGHT
£1 per quiz sheet. Bring your own refreshments.

COMMUNITY HERO AWARD FOR 2015

For outstanding voluntary work within the community for the benefit of the residents of the Parish.

The winner is Mrs Jackie Craven, with runners up Keith Wainwright and Margaret Skinner.

Local residents nominate their hero and a working party from local voluntary groups and Parish Councillors consider the nominations received.

Three people were nominated for the Community Hero Award 2015. The winner, Jackie

Craven was nominated in recognition of her contribution to many local youth, health and community groups. These include Arthritis Care, Brownies and Guides, Hall Green Community Association and Criggleshstone Parish Council.

Keith was nominated in recognition of his numerous voluntary activities in the parish but particularly his work as parish historian. Margaret was nominated in recognition of her dedication to the upkeep of the Parish's open spaces.



Winner Jackie Craven, holding certificate with both her daughters and Vice Chairman Cllr Crompton



Left to right, Keith Wainwright, Jackie Craven (the winner), Margaret Skinner and Cllr Paul Crompton Vice Chairman of Criggleshstone Parish Council.

BRIGHTEN UP YOUR STREET - SPONSOR A HANGING BASKET



This year we are hoping for another stunning display of floral hanging baskets for locations in the parish. The support and sponsorship from residents, local organisations and local business is vital in providing this attractive feature for the benefit of residents and visitors. Around 60 are put up and are tended to throughout June to early September. Help us to brighten up our streets this summer by sponsoring a hanging basket on a lamppost near your home or business.

Consider sharing the cost with neighbours and friends or family when remembering a loved one.

If you sponsored last year, the Parish Council thanks you for your support. Contact will be made by April to seek your commitment for this year.

Costs for 2016: new sponsor £99, existing sponsor £70. If a replacement plaque is required there will be a small cost of £5.

Please contact the Parish Clerk. Details at the bottom of the newsletter.

PARISH LOCAL PARKS AND OPEN SPACES Interested in your local woodland and open spaces?

The Parish Council has recently appointed Ian Kennedy of Wharnccliffe Consultancy to prepare management plans for Betty Eastwood Park and Willow Garth. Ian will present draft plans to the Parish Council next month but in the meantime if you have any views on the future of these open spaces then please contact the Clerk.

HOLLIN LANE PLAY AREA PROJECT

The Parish Council welcomes Wakefield Council's redevelopment of the Hollin Lane play area, which is providing facilities for toddlers and children up to eight years old. It is scheduled for completion by the time this newsletter is distributed.



SINCERE APPRECIATION TO RETIRING PARISH CLERK OF TEN YEARS

The Parish Council said farewell to Janet Mitchell (pictured right) who after ten years as the Parish Clerk has retired from the post. Sarah Mozer was appointed in January and welcomed as the new Parish Clerk. The two have been working together during a hand over period. At the March meeting, the Councillors expressed their gratitude and best wishes to Janet.

PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT 2016/17

What is a precept?

A Parish Council gets its funding by receiving a small amount of the Council Tax. This is referred to as the Parish Precept.

Who decides how much it is?

Crigglestone Parish Council has forecast its commitments for April 2016 to March 2017.

How much is it?

The charge depends upon the dwelling valuation band which ranges from A to H. Based on **Band D equivalent the 2016/17 precept is £17.55.** (That's just 33p a week). If you live in a dwelling with property band A to C it will be less, if you live in a dwelling with property band E to H it will be slightly more.

What is it used for?

Various expenses incurred on behalf of our community, such as the maintenance of the Parks and Open Spaces £19,000, the Police Safe Scheme £8,000, the general upkeep of the Village Institute and Hall Green Community Centre £7,000, Grants and donations £3,500 as well as £3,000 on Parish Communications: newsletter and website. Please note that in addition to the Council Tax sum resulting from the Parish precept, there will also be Council Tax levied in respect of Wakefield Council, W. Y. Police and W.Y. Fire Authorities.

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The Parish Council meets on the first Tuesday of each month (except Aug) in the Village Institute at 7pm.

